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The reply filed on 3 October 2000 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action and the amendment to the claims has not been entered, because the amendment presents a different claim as claim 26, entirely underlined. Applicant should use bracketing for deleted material and underlining for added material. See 37 CFR 1.121(b)(2)(I)(C) below:

(b) Amendments in reissue applications : Amendments in reissue applications are made by filing a paper, in compliance with 1.52, directing that specified amendments be made.

(2) Claims . Amendments to the claims may only be made as follows:

(I) (C) Underlining below the subject matter added to the patent and brackets around the subject matter deleted from the patent are to be used to mark the amendments being made. If a claim is amended pursuant to paragraph (b)(2)(I)(A) of this section, a parenthetical expression amended, twice amended, etc., should follow the original claim number.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH** or **THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply an amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Certain papers related to this application may be submitted to Art Unit 1805 by facsimile transmission. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notices published in the Official Gazette, 1156 OG 61 (November 16, 1993) and 1157 OG 94 (December 28, 1993)(see 37 CFR § 1.6(d)). The Art Unit 1636 Fax number is (703) 305-7939. NOTE: If Applicant *does* submit a

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paper by fax to this number, the examiner must be notified promptly, to ensure matching of the faxed paper to the application file, and the original signed copy should be retained by Applicant or Applicant's representative. (703) 308-4242 or (703) 305-3014 may be used without notification of the examiner, with such faxed papers being handled in the manner of mailed responses.

Applicants are encouraged to use the latter two fax numbers unless immediate action by the examiner is required, e.g., during discussions of claim language for allowable subject matter. NO DUPLICATE COPIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED so as to avoid the processing of duplicate papers in the Office.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James Ketter whose telephone number is (703) 308-1169. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:00 AM-5:30 PM, and on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the Examiner are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, George Elliott, can be contacted at (703) 308-4003.



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